GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7266
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FREQUENT ACCIDENTS IN OSWAL FERTILIZER PLANT
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the frequent accidents occuring in the Oswal Fertilizer plant at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated any steps to stop such accidents in the said Fertilizer Plant;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (OCFL), a private sector company, has informed that due to some unfortunate accidents, 9 workers have died since the commencement of production in the plant, during the years 2000 and 2001. The accidents were caused initially when the plant began production in 2000 soon after the super cyclone hit the eastern cost of India in end 1999. There have also been instances where some accidents were caused due to negligence of workers. Further, OCFL has informed that it is following all modern health and safety precautions as mandated under various statutes and has been complying with all the Government directives pertaining to safety of workers, issued from time to time, in its Paradeep Plant.